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WASHINGTON SQUARE APARTMENTS DEDICATION AND RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY MARKS NEW FUTURE FOR COMMUNITY

HAWTHORNE, FL, October 6, 2004 — A dedication and ribbon cutting ceremony marked the official grand opening of Washington Square Apartments in Hawthorne today — and a new beginning for the newly renovated apartment community. Situated on a picturesque site in North Central Florida, Washington Square Apartments provides housing to low and very low income residents of Hawthorne and Alachua County.

Located at 6010 SE 211th Street in Hawthorne, College Square Apartments features 28 apartments units. Funding for the housing community was made possible through loans totaling \$1,173,700 from USDA Rural Development to Hawthorne RRH, Ltd. Housing is the foundation of economic security and an essential building block of opportunity for millions of families in the United States. USDA Rural Development is helping improve the quality of life for people and create a sense of community for families. The Washington Square Apartment community, managed by Flynn Management Corporation, offers families a clean, safe, and affordable place to live while building a bright, stable future for their children.

USDA Rural Development State Director Charles W. Clemons, Sr., said during Wednesday's ceremony, "Rural Development has a long history of providing assistance to improve housing opportunities in Florida, efforts which strengthen our communities. A safe, affordable place to call home is a critical part of the American Dream and Rural Development is proud to help make quality housing a priority in Hawthorne."

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